

Jessica Smith honored at White House

Jessica Smith of Dillon recalls how losing her sight at the tender age of 14 and then having her mobility limited by multiple sclerosis posed serious challenges to her dreams of academic and professional success. However, the 25-year-old never gave up and graduated college in the top 7 percent of her class with a bachelor's degree in business administration at Francis Marion University.

For that, and her extraordinary scholarship, leadership, enterprise and service to others, Smith was honored by Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic as one of three top winners of the 2005 Mary P. Oenslager Scholastic Achievement Awards. RFB&D, a nonprofit organization, is the nation's educational library of recorded textbooks for students with visual impairment, dyslexia or other physical disabilities that make reading standard textbooks difficult or impossible.

Smith and several other winners met with first lady Laura Bush at the White House in February. She told the gathering in Washington, D.C., "I am very grateful to RFB&D for providing audio textbooks for students, such as myself, with special needs. I honestly do not think I would have been able to perform on an equal footing with fellow classmates if I had been unable to receive my texts in an audio format."

After her vision began to fail at age 14 and total blindness set in two years later, doctors diagnosed the cause to be multiple sclerosis (MS). "The initial impact of this unexpected vision loss was detrimental to my academic performance because I could no longer see the print in my textbooks," said Smith. "I was unable to perform my assignments or study for my tests." Smith said she and her mother spent the next four years researching MS and learning first-hand "the devastating emotional and financial effect a chronic illness can have on a



Jessica Smith, left, with Laura Bush at the White House.

single-parent household." Smith eventually discovered RFB&D and that "accessing my textbooks in an alternative format enabled me to perform on an equal basis as other students," she said.

Smith also interned at the Department of Defense and now works for the federal government's Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS). Smith intends to use her math talents to become a certified public accountant and aspires to become the chief financial officer of a major corporation. Smith also gives back to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society by making annual donations and helping the organization raise money for research.

FMU offers two new academic programs

Middle Level Education degree program

FMU has added a Bachelor of Science degree program in middle level education. Majors in the program will complete a curriculum of study that allows them to be certified to teach middle level (grades five through eight) in two of the four major content areas – language arts, social studies, science and mathematics. Dr. Jackson F. "Jeff" Lee Jr. is coordinator of the program.

Gender Studies program

The university has also established a gender studies

program, which will begin offering courses during the fall 2006 semester.

The program is designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary lens through which to examine human conditions and experiences; gender role development; and legal, political, economic, social and cultural systems.

FMU English professor Jennifer Kunka and health education professor Janis McWayne are co-chairs of the university's Gender Studies Steering Committee. A coordinator for the program has not yet been named.

U.S. senator, businessman, state's former first lady receive honorary degrees

A United States senator, a Florence businessman and a former South Carolina first lady were awarded honorary degrees during May's commencement exercises.



Graham

U.S. Sen. Lindsey O. Graham of Seneca, W.O. "Billy" Powers of Florence and former South Carolina first lady Iris Rhodes Campbell of Georgetown County were honored at the May 6 graduation ceremony in Smith University Center gymnasium. Graham also was the commencement speaker for the ceremony at which 338 students received degrees.

Graham was elected to the United States Senate in 2002. A native South Carolinian, he earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Graham logged six-and-a-half years of service on active duty as an Air Force lawyer.

In 1988, Graham went into private law practice and in 1992 was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives. In 1994, he became the first Republican to represent South Carolina's Third Congressional District in Washington since 1877.

He serves on four committees in the U.S. Senate: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, and Veterans Affairs.



Powers

Powers has spent more than 40 years building his construction company, Powers Construction, into a recognized name across the Southeastern United States. His career began as an engineer with the S.C. Department of Transportation.

Powers is a member of the FMU Foundation Board and the Clemson University Foundation Board. He is a registered South Carolina contractor

in several specialties, and is past president of the Pee Dee Home Builders Association and a life director of the National Association of Home Builders.

A native of Timmonsville, Powers attended Clemson University, where he studied civil engineering.

Iris Rhodes Campbell served as South Carolina's first lady for eight years. She was married to the late Carroll Ashmore Campbell Jr., who served as S.C. governor from 1986 to 1994.



Campbell

After Gov. Campbell was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, the Campbell family became involved with the Palmetto Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association which has an annual golf tournament named after the governor to raise money to help fight this terrible disease.

Since Gov. Campbell's death in December 2005, Mrs. Campbell continues to work with the Alzheimer's Association and she serves on the advisory board of the University of South Carolina library.

Woods named Distinguished Professor for 2005-06

Benjamin Woods of Florence has been selected the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for the 2005-06 year.

Announced at a campus banquet April 20, this award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based upon a faculty member's contributions to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

The award, named in honor of the former chairman of the FMU Board of Trustees, is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a faculty member. Presented at FMU's spring commencement May 6, the award carries a cash prize.

As a result of his selection, Woods will be the Francis Marion University nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

"Woods is recognized as a superlative piano teacher and for his outstanding service to the university and community," said Fred Carter, FMU president. He also praised Woods for his creative performance as an artist.

A native of Port Arthur, Texas, Woods has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1972. A professor of music, he was named an FMU Trustees Research Scholar in 2004. He earned a bachelor's degree in piano performance and music education at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, in 1969, a master's degree in music from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1972, and a doctorate in musical arts from the University of South Carolina in 1991.



Woods

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Francis Marion University offers equal opportunity in its employment, admissions, and educational activities.

Eighteen faculty and staff members retire from FMU

Eighteen Francis Marion University faculty and staff members with a combined 467 years of service to the university are retiring at the end of the spring 2006 semester.

Retiring faculty members are Roger W. Allen, David J. Burt, Donna Goodman, Joseph Heyward, Clarence P. Huggins, Roger K. Hux, Carolyn Stokes, Neal D. Thigpen, and James H. Von Frank.

Allen, a professor of mathematics, joined the FMU faculty in 1971. Allen has specialized in the calculus series and analysis and probability, but has taught almost every mathematics course offered at FMU, frequently for the Honors program. Among his many honors are being named Distinguished Professor for 1980-81 and Mamie C. Gray Professor of Mathematics in 2004.

Burt, a professor of English, began teaching at the university in 1971. He has authored numerous publications and received awards for his writing. He has been published in *The Sporting News* and is a multiple South Carolina Fiction Project winner.

Goodman, a professor of art and education, has been at FMU since 1987. Her artwork has appeared in numerous exhibitions across the country and has garnered many awards. She was named the 2000 Outstanding Art Educator of the Year by the S.C. Art Education Association. She was FMU's Distinguished Professor for 1995-96.

Heyward, vice president of student affairs, came to Francis Marion in 1973. Over the years, he has served the university in numerous capacities, including director of student facilities, assistant dean of student affairs, academic counselor, instructor of mathematics, provost, and vice president for university activities. He is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He has numerous professional and civic affiliations. Among his many honors and awards, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the S.C. Commission on Higher Education in 1998.

Huggins, an associate professor of English, joined the faculty in 1974. Author of numerous publications and papers, he also has produced several videos. He has given many lectures at libraries and for lecture series and reading groups. He is a member of several professional organizations including the Modern Language Association and the Philological Association of the Carolinas.

Hux, an assistant reference librarian and associate professor, has been at FMU since 1975. He is the author of several historical and library articles, and he wrote the history of the South Carolina Library Association, of which he is a member.

Stokes, a professor of accounting, began teaching at FMU in 1984. She has authored and co-authored manuscripts published in journals including *Strategic Finance*, *Management Accounting*, and *Journal of Cost Management*. She is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants, and organized IMA CMA/CFM review seminars at FMU. She has given presentations at several professional conferences and is a consultant in cost/management for business and in



As senior member of the university faculty, Dr. Allen carries the mace and leads the platform party at commencement. Dr. Allen retires this year.

pensions for government.

Thigpen, a professor of political science, joined the faculty in 1971. He served as chairman of the Department of Political Science from 1971 to 1996. The author of numerous articles on American politics, Thigpen frequently speaks before business and political organizations. Active in state and local politics, he has served as a delegate to the South Carolina and National Republican Conventions. The Neal D. Thigpen Chair in Public Affairs at FMU was created in his honor in 2002.

Von Frank, a professor of philosophy and religious studies, has been at the university since 1972. In addition to authoring several publications and papers, he has received several South Carolina Humanities Council grants. He served as president of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy in 1983-84. At FMU, he was the founding chair of the Faculty Senate, and served as chair of the former Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Religious Studies. He was FMU's Distinguished Professor for 1989-90.

Retiring staff members are: Olivia K. Thompson, financial assistance counselor, 30 years; Johnny L. Sanders, estate groundskeeper, 7 years; Dale L. Gilchrist, associate director of financial assistance, 31 years; Janet R. Braddock, executive assistant to the president, 33 years; James C. Carroll, student services counselor, Financial Assistance, 5 years; Gayle W. Polston, student services counselor, Nursing, 1 year; Earline D. Smith, cook, 20 years; Eleanor K. Rogers, administrative assistant to the executive director of the FMU Foundation, 35 years; and Debra L. Bazen, director of the Patriot Bookstore, 29 years.

Three professors recognized for teaching, research, service

Three Francis Marion University faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a faculty recognition banquet on April 20.

Vernon W. Bauer of Lamar was given the Award for Excellence in Teaching; Jennifer Kunka of Florence was presented the Award for Excellence in Service; and Derek Jokisch of Florence received the Award for Excellence in Research. Each award carries a cash prize.

“Exemplary teaching, public service and scholarship are essential characteristics of a good faculty member, and these awards recognize the importance of each in our mission of educating students,” said Fred Carter, president of FMU.

An associate professor of biology, Bauer has been a member of the FMU faculty since 2000. He was cited for his classroom teaching skills. A native of Columbia, Bauer earned a bachelor’s degree in biological science at Clemson University in 1992 and a doctorate in genetics from North Carolina State University in 1999, where he received the outstanding graduate teaching award. He has also taught at North Carolina Wesleyan College. He serves on several FMU committees and is a member of the South Carolina Academy of Science. His area of expertise is the molecular control of hibernation in 13-lined ground squirrels. He has several publications and academic presentations to his credit.

Kunka, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., has been a member of the FMU faculty since 2001. She is an assistant professor of English, and director of the FMU Writing Center. She was cited for her service to the university, the community and the state. She served as co-chair of the FMU Gender Studies Steering Committee and serves on the board of the Swamp Fox Writing Project in addition to numerous other university committees. She is vice president and chair of the conference planning team of the Southeastern Writing Center Association. She also serves as a textbook reviewer for Prentice Hall and Longman. Author of several articles, she is involved in South Carolina Women in Higher Education, Sigma Tau Delta, Carolinas Council of Writing Program Administrators, the National Council of Teachers of English and the International Writing Centers Association. She



Bauer



Jokisch



Kunka

earned a bachelor’s degree in English and history at Marquette University in 1992, a master’s degree in English and American literature from Marquette in 1995 and a doctorate in English from Purdue University in 2002 where she won the graduate student award for outstanding teaching.

A native of Carlinville, Ill., Jokisch has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1999. An associate professor of physics and health physics, he was cited for his extensive scholarly work, primarily in the field of research in trabecular bone dosimetry. He has 17 peer-reviewed articles and eight abstracts published and another two in progress. He is also credited with 25 scholarly presentations at conferences across the United States. Successful in getting several funded research grants, he is project director for a four-year program on improving teacher quality of Pee Dee middle school science teachers. Involved in a number of university committees, he also is a member of the Health Physics Society, American Physical Society, American Nuclear Society, Sigma Xi—The Scientific Research Society, and Phi Kappa Phi. Jokisch earned a bachelor’s degree in nuclear engineering (1995) at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign and master’s (1997) and doctoral (1999) degrees in health physics at the University of Florida. He also has been a summer fellow in the Radiation Internal Dose Information Center at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and a radiation safety assistant at the University of Illinois.

Lucy C. Thrower, a professor emeritus of mathematics, was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees. She was a member of the FMU faculty from 1971 until her retirement in 1999 and still teaches on a part-time basis. A native of Bennettsville, she earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina and a master’s degree from the University of Mississippi.

Non-Profit Leadership Institute graduates fourth class

Twenty-seven South Carolina residents participated in commencement exercises for the fourth class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University, April 21.

Remarks were given by Bradley Callicott, executive director of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, and FMU president Fred Carter. Institute participants were each presented with a certificate.

The institute is a seven-month training program for leaders of non-profits. Topics included leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development, including board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and

organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Funded initially with multi-year grants from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, the institute now receives major support from FMU, along with a grant from the PSARAS Foundation.

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU Non-Profit Leadership Institute.

The class will be conducted again during the 2006-2007 academic year. For more information about the institute, contact the FMU Foundation at 843-661-1229.

Love named director of annual giving



Love

Brandon "Brandie" Davis Love has been named director of annual giving and constituent relations at Francis Marion University.

Her responsibilities will include raising money for annual giving programs, including soliciting alumni, corporations, and friends of the university through direct mail, personal solicitations, a phone-a-thon, and other means. She will also work with the university's stewardship programs, including an annual scholarship reception, the Francis Marion Society, and other donor-related recognition events.

"We are excited and pleased that Brandie has joined the Foundation and Development office at FMU," said Jay Dowd, FMU's vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation. "She brings a broad base of experience in annual giving and constituent relations programs, which is a wonderful match as we expand and improve these programs."

A native of Chapin, Love earned the B.A. degree in public affairs from Columbia College and the A.A. degree from Spartanburg Methodist College.

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The Annual Fund at Francis Marion provides unrestricted dollars for the general well being of the university. Unrestricted gifts provide the resources required to help meet the university's immediate needs.

The gifts you make to the Annual Fund can be used in a variety of ways - to strengthen and enhance academic programs, to provide scholarship assistance to students who might otherwise not be able to obtain a college education, to enable library enhancements and technology acquisitions, and to attract and retain excellent faculty and staff.

Your contribution helps the university bridge the gap between state appropriations and the actual cost of providing the Francis Marion experience to our students. There are many opportunities for you to make a difference. Please consider giving a gift to the 2005-2006 Annual Fund. You may contribute online at www.fmarion.edu. Your gift is appreciated by June 30, 2006. No gift is too small.

If you have any questions about the Annual Fund or would like to know more, please feel free to contact Brandie Love, Director of Annual Giving and Constituent Relations at 661-1218 or blove@fmarion.edu.

Schools of business, education present alumni awards



Barry O'Brien, left, presents award to Sherry Jones.

Sherry Miller Jones of Darlington has been named the Francis Marion University School of Business Outstanding Alumnus for 2006, and four FMU School of Education alumni received 2006 awards as part of homecoming activities.

Jones graduated from FMU in 1989 with a B.S. degree in accounting. She returned and earned an M.B.A. degree in 1995.

During a reception for alumni of the School of Education, Jamilah

Eaddy received the Novice Educator Award, Selina Harley-Blue and Cliff Barrineau received the Veteran Educator Award, and John M. Kirby received the Educational Administrator Award.

Eaddy is a 2004 graduate of FMU with a B.S. degree in elementary education. She is a fourth-grade teacher of English/language arts and social studies at Marion Intermediate School (MIS) in Marion.

Blue has been employed with the Marlboro County School District for nine years. She attended Marlboro County public schools and is a 1985 graduate of Clio High School. She is a 1990 graduate of Winthrop University with a B.S. degree in business administration. She completed elementary education certification in 1997 at St. Andrews Presbyterian College and

she earned an M.Ed. degree in instructional accommodation from FMU in 2005. She became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2004.

Barrineau grew up in Lake City and graduated from Lake City High School. He received a B.S. degree in mathematics from FMU, and a Ph.D. in education from the University of South Carolina. He has been teaching in Richland School District 1 at Hand Middle School and Dreher High School for the past 21 years.

Kirby earned a B.S. degree in psychology and an M.Ed. degree in elementary education from FMU, as well as a doctorate in educational administration from Nova Southeastern University.

During his distinguished career, Kirby has served as teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal. He has been superintendent of Dillon School District 3 (Latta schools) since 1990.

Kirby and his wife, Vicki (class of '72), have established an endowed scholarship for students in FMU's teacher education program. Kirby also worked to establish the Latta School Board Teacher Education Scholarship.



From left; John Kirby, Jamilah Eaddy, Selina Harley-Blue and Cliff Barrineau.

Online FMU alumni directory now available

Francis Marion University's more than 15,000 alumni now have a new resource to stay in touch with their former classmates and professors.

FMU has partnered with Alumni Research Inc. to provide the university's third alumni directory. The directory includes biographical, professional and personal information about FMU graduates.

The hardbound version of the directory has sold out, but FMU alums now have access to an online version for the first time. The directory can be found under the "Alumni and Friends" section of the FMU website, www.fmarion.edu.

This password-protected directory offers two types of subscriptions. Basic subscriptions are free and allow access to features such as the ability for alumni to update their profiles online, an alumni newsletter, an alumni bulletin board, a chat room, and an intra-advertising component.

Premium subscriptions permit the subscriber to view biographical information of fellow alumni through a "Find a Friend" feature. Premium subscriptions are \$39.95 for the first year, and \$9.95 annually for years two through four.

The online directory will be continuously updated by the FMU Office of Alumni Affairs, while a new hardbound edition will be offered every five years.

For more information about the directory or to subscribe, contact Hayes at 843-661-1228 or bhayes@fmarion.edu.



The winning team and honorees from left: Ken Jackson, Frank Elmore, Neil Thigpen, George McIntyre, Tom Roop and W. Coleman.

Foundation/Alumni Golf Classic

The BB&T Francis Marion University Foundation/Alumni Golf Classic was held on Friday, March 17, 2006, at the Country Club of South Carolina. The tournament was a huge success. Almost \$43,000 was raised, with just under \$26,000 in proceeds from the event being equally allocated to the Tom Roop Scholarship Fund and the Neil Thigpen Chair in Public Affairs. Special thanks to sponsors BB&T, Sodexo, Victor's Bistro, Industrial Cleaning Equipment, Carolinas Hospital System, Morgan Stanley (Chip Stanley), Hilex-Poly, and King Cadillac.

Mark your calendar for March 16, 2007, for next year's tournament.

FMU hires two new coaches

Athletic director Murray Hartzler announced the hiring of Paul MacDonald of Hiawatha, Iowa, as the university's new head coach for women's volleyball and Gary Edwards of Indiana, Pa., as the university's new head coach for men's basketball.

MacDonald, 33, replaces Sonny Kirkpatrick, who resigned to become the head coach at NCAA Division I Troy University.

MacDonald comes to FMU from Mount Mercy College, an NAIA school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In three seasons directing the Mustang program, he compiled a 49-49 record, including a 25-11 mark this past fall – the team's best record in more than a decade. He guided Mount Mercy to a second-place finish in the Midwest Classic Conference with a 6-1 record and to a spot in the NAIA Region VII Tournament for the first time since 2002. For that effort, he received conference "Coach of the Year" honors.

A native of Flat Rock, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, MacDonald earned a B.A. degree in business from Michigan State University and an M.Ed. degree in physical education from Wayne State University.

Edwards, 48, replaces John Schweitz, whose contract was not renewed.

The Virginia Beach, Va., native comes to Francis Marion after 10 seasons as head coach at NCAA Division II

Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He guided the Indians to a 206-88 mark, including five 20-win campaigns, and four trips to the Division II national tournament. Under his guidance, IUP advanced to the Elite Eight twice (2000 and 2002) and participated in the 2002 Final Four. He is the winningest coach in the program's long history.

Edwards returns to South Carolina, where he still ranks as the winningest coach at Division I Charleston Southern University. In nine seasons, he guided the Buccaneers to 121 wins. His 1995 CSU squad won the Big South Conference title, and he twice earned Big South Conference "Coach of the Year" honors. He also previously coached at Barton College (then Atlantic Christian College), compiling a 62-35 mark in three seasons and leading the Bulldogs to two NAIA national tournament appearances.

Edwards' career record stands at 389-256 in 22 seasons.



MacDonald



Edwards

1974

Karen Turner and husband, Joe, are the proud parents of Josh Turner who attended FMU from 1996-1998 before he transferred to Belmont University in Nashville. He is an MCA recording artist and has a number one hit on the radio as well as a number one selling country album on Billboard. His first CD is platinum and his second is gold and on its way to platinum. He resides in Nashville with his wife, Jennifer, and is currently on tour. Their daughter, Carrie, is a graduate of Clemson University with a Spanish degree and is currently attending USC graduate school. She resides in Lexington with her husband Daniel. Their youngest, Matt, is in the 2006 graduating class at Middle Tennessee State University. He is majoring in entrepreneurship. He is engaged to Amber Weening from Canada and is planning a December wedding in Calgary, Alberta.

1976

Frank Autry is moving back to South Carolina after living in Texas, Missouri, and Michigan since 1980. He will continue to travel each week as a health care consultant with ACS Technologies and is currently working on a large project in Southern California.

1984

Arthur Hamann and his wife, Madelene Hamann, had a baby boy on Sept. 19, 2005. They named him Stephen Josiah. In addition, **Arthur** was placed in the "Who's Who among America's Teachers" in 2004-2005. **Arthur** has been teaching for 10 years at the Dolan Education Center in Illinois. He teaches history and physical education.

1985

Lisa Clark Howle was promoted to operations analyst for Hilex Poly, LLC. She lives in Hartsville with her husband and two children, Nick and Lexi.

1989

Monnie M. English, agent in-charge of the Marlboro County office, was recently named the 2005 Supervisor of the Year for the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services. She has been an agent for 16 years.

1990

Greg Hickey and his wife, Lea Hickey '92, announce the birth of their son. Ethan Matthew Hickey was born on June 27, 2005 in Florence.

1991

Michelle Yolanda Glenn and Christopher Oliver Carey were married on Nov. 26, 2005. They live in Florence.

1992

Annie Brown completed all requirements for her Ph.D. in applied management and decision sciences with a specialization in leadership and organization change from Walden University in September 2005.

Lea Hickey and her husband Greg Hickey '90 announce the birth of their son. Ethan Matthew Hickey was born on June 27, 2005 in Florence.

1994

Stacey Y. Brayboy will serve as deputy director of the Council on Human Rights. Previously, **Brayboy** served as the state core director for Gov. Tim Kaine's gubernatorial campaign and for the Virginia Coordinated Campaign. **Brayboy** has 12 years of experience in various levels of government.

1995

Dr. Erik A. Lowry is assistant superintendent for personnel services at South Florence High School. Lowry has been employed in Florence School District 1 for 10 years. He began as a teacher at McLaurin Elementary. He later moved to Sneed Middle and has served in Sumter County as an elementary principal at Kingsbury Elementary. In 2000, he returned to Florence 1 as principal of Southside Middle School.

1996

Carey Clark was awarded the Juris Doctorate degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School on Jan. 22, 2006.

Sherer Gordon Hopkins, girl's basketball coach at Clover High School, was chosen as one of the coaches for the state's annual all-star game. Hopkins assisted the North Team. The game was held on March 18, 2006 at the Winthrop Coliseum.

1997

Dr. Roy Roger Bryant married Dr. Michele Kathleen Corney of Greenville on Feb. 25, 2006 at St. Luke's Chapel in Charleston. They live in Greenville.

Leslie E. Frinks, M.D., has served as chief resident of the General Psychiatry Training Program for 2005-2006. She also received the Resident of the Year Award for 2004-2005.

Dr. Frinks will graduate in June 2006 from residency, and has already been hired by the USC Department of Neuropsychiatry to serve as the assistant training director of the General Psychiatry Residency Training Program.

Bryce Myers is currently the head girls' golf coach and assistant boys' golf coach at Lexington High School in Lexington. As the girls' coach, the team has won the past two State AAAA Championships. **Myers** also teaches sports marketing at Lexington Technology Center.

Bryan Rabon and his father, Lamar Rabon, have formed the Rabon and Rabon CPA firm. Both are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. **Bryan** has worked for his father's firm for eight years. **Bryan** is a member of the Florence Kiwanis Club and the Francis Marion Alumni Board of Directors.

1999

Robert Lee Rowell and **Kerri Elizabeth Arant '05** were married Dec. 31, 2005 at White Point Gardens in Charleston. They live in Florence.

2000

Julie Rose Jackson and Martin Charles Beall were married Dec. 17, 2005 at Church at Sandhurst. They live in Florence.

Mike Kirby became a partner with Palmetto Commercial Real Estate in March 2005. Later that same year, Mike and his wife, Charlene, welcomed a son on June 17.

2002

Angela Ann McKnight and Frank Mouldrey Branton III were married Jan. 14, 2006 in Myrtle Beach. They live in Florence.

2003

Jessica Rhodes serves as the receptionist for the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce staff.

2004

Susan Porter married Larry Miller on Feb. 11, 2006. They live in Florence.

2005

Kerri Elizabeth Arant and **Robert Lee Rowell '99** were married Dec. 31, 2005 at White Point Gardens in Charleston. They live in Florence.

Heather Dawn McKay and **Joseph Ray Willis** were married Dec. 17, 2005. They live in Port Orange, Fla. **Joseph** will pursue a Doctor of Chiropractic at Palmer College in Florida.

In memoriam

Desha Takeya Cooper '96

Homecoming 2006



Student athletes crown a fellow student with balloons.



Women's basketball alumni gather on court before the women's game.



'Flow Town' welcomes alumni and friends to PatriotFest.

For a complete listing of campus activities, visit us on the web at www.fmarion.edu/calendar

May 23-July 27

Art Gallery Series

"Seen/Unseen - A Textured Life," by Angela Ketcham

Feather Pottery - Sasha and Tari Federer

Hyman Fine Arts Center Gallery

"The Quilting Way," by the Swamp Fox Quilters Guild

Smith University Center Gallery

June 5

Summer Session I begins

June 8-9

New Student Orientation

June 22-23

New Student Orientation

July 11

Summer Session II begins

July 13-14

New Student Orientation

Aug. 3

New Student Orientation

Aug. 21

New Student Orientation

(out-of-state students only)

Aug. 23

Fall Semester begins



Guests of all ages enjoyed browsing the artist's booths, watching demonstrations and seeing young dancers perform at the Art's Alive festival held on March 25.

Katie Todd crowned Ms. FMU 2006



Katie Todd, center, was crowned Ms. FMU during the annual pageant at Francis Marion University, March 30. Magan Bishop, left, was named first runner-up, and Jessica Millsaps, right, was named second runner-up.

Katie Todd of Cassatt was crowned Ms. FMU during the annual pageant March 30.

Todd is currently a junior at FMU. After graduation, Todd plans to attend graduate school to receive a degree in mass communications and speech pathology. She plans to teach mentally challenged children how to speak. She is majoring in mass communications with a focus in public relations.

Magan Alicia Bishop, a senior from Johnsonville, was named first runner-up. Bishop is majoring in elementary education with a specialization in mathematics.

Jessica Millsaps, a junior from Lugoff, was named second runner-up. She is majoring in education.

Chelsea Jennings Capps, a freshman from Conway, was named Miss Congeniality. After graduation, Capps plans to attend the Medical University of South Carolina. She is majoring in pre-pharmacy.

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